



The basics of grooming

We need to take very good care of our horses.

Horses need to be **groomed** regularly, to make sure they stay healthy.

Good grooming is very good for horses' skin. Brushing the whole of a horse's body keeps the coat smooth and glossy and removes loose hair, dust and dirt.

Picking out the horse's hooves with a hoof pick removes dirt and keeps the horse's feet clean and comfortable. It's also a good time to check that the horse has not hurt or damaged its feet in any way.

Grooming the mane and tail with a brush removes knots and dirt, and keeps the horse looking neat and tidy.



brushing the mane



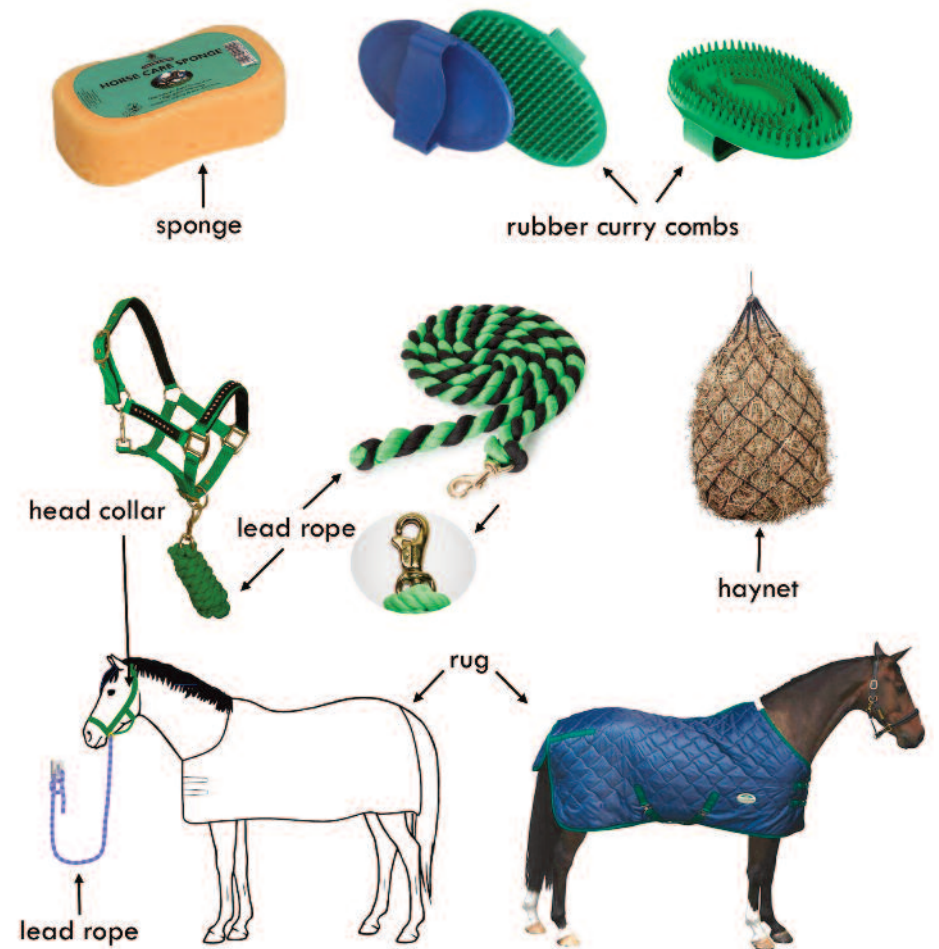
picking out the hoof



brushing the coat



More tools in a grooming kit





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Riding Skills

You will need to be able to ride unaided, in an enclosed space, showing control of your horse.

Can you show how to change rein, in both directions?

Demonstrate exercises that you have learned, whilst in walk and on a lead rein.

Keep your position in rising or sitting trot, on the lead rein, with help if need it.

Walk a **20 metre circle** without help, or trot over a pole on the ground, showing a forward position in the saddle (with help you need it).

A horse with tack

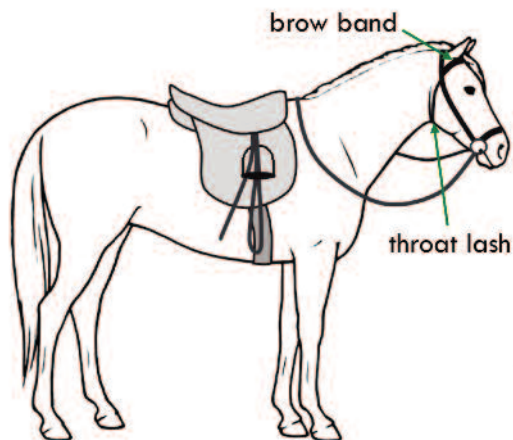
Here are some more parts of the saddle and bridle

Don't forget the parts that you have already learned for Grade 1 and 2

You will need to show that you know how to **run up the stirrups** after dismounting and that you know how to **lead a horse safely and correctly**



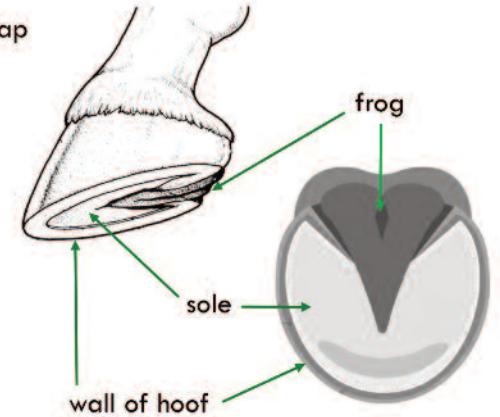
running up the stirrups



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girth straps



Points of the horse (don't forget those in Grades 1 and 2, too)

